

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration) 26 January 53  
SUBJECT : National Security Medal

The Executive Order establishing the National Security Medal provides that recommendations be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council. Mr. Lay asked what he did about such recommendations. I said the President in a confidential letter designated the DCI to make such awards. Mr. Lay said he felt the Executive Secretary should have a copy of this letter as a basis for referring any recommendations to the DCI.

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LAWRENCE HOUSTON  
Acting Deputy Director  
(Administration)

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